

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1901.

Two port work has been a lively one, and the large arrivals of whalers from the North and several smaller vessels from the coast, have imparted to our port an unusual degree of activity. The whaling season is now well advanced, and it is interesting to see our wharves lined up with oil and merchandise, and our streets and store fronts, crowded with the products of the whaling season. The whaling season is now well advanced, and it is interesting to see our wharves lined up with oil and merchandise, and our streets and store fronts, crowded with the products of the whaling season.

26 arrivals, with the following results:

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The average of the arrivals thus far (excluding 2 sperm whalers and one trader) is 102 lbs. oil and 2200 lbs. bone, which is a decided improvement on last year's reports at this date. So far, we have seen of the whaling season, and the reports up to this date show 26 arrivals, with the following results:

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WASHINGTON, Tarboro', Edenton, Plymouth, Windsor, and other ports of North Carolina. Vessels have cleared and entered through this inlet all summer, for or from the British West Indies and the British provinces, carrying what the rebels needed to sell or to consume, or for the very heart of the rebel country. At Hatteras Inlet, at a given signal from the light-house, small piratical craft have dashed in or out to catch a passing vessel or escape a cruiser, while the shore-water and heavy batteries on shore have presented formidable natural and artificial barriers against all pursuit. Thus, while Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds remained open, it seemed idle to talk of a blockade, so far as the coast from Cape Henry to Cape Lookout was concerned. But in the recent capture, a blow has at length been struck, which must put an end to trading and pirating in nearly all that region.

It will readily be seen that the government has now opened for it a way of entering the Southern Territory, and in the very State which is supposed to be most loyal to it of all the seceded States. To that effect we have the following item:

Respectable gentlemen, who have arrived from North Carolina, report that the Union prospects in that State are of the most encouraging character. The acting Governor is a "seceder," but he is a man of high character, and is rapidly increasing in strength, already numbering one-third of the voting population. A provisional State Government will be put in operation in a few months. The loyal element are most unanimous in support of the national government. And it is reported that the people are ready to give the Union flag. Their troops are returning to the Union, and it is said that 2000 loyal men are ready to join the Union army. The loyal element are most unanimous in support of the national government. And it is reported that the people are ready to give the Union flag. Their troops are returning to the Union, and it is said that 2000 loyal men are ready to join the Union army.

The above may be reliable or it may not. But the most important news from the East is this—that a large naval expedition left New York prior to September 15, carrying some 10,000 troops, which expedition was to be unopposed from Fort Monroe. A second expedition was also being fitted out, to include some of the new gunboats, twenty-two of which are being constructed, and would be ready for service in September. The destination of these large fleets had not been announced, but it is more than likely that we shall hear of 15,000 or 20,000 troops being landed somewhere in North Carolina. It would be no inconsiderable force to take possession of Fort Macon and the fine harbor of Beaufort, N. C., commanding Cape Lookout, and connected by railroad directly with Newbern, and on to Goldsboro' and Raleigh—25 miles from Beaufort to Newbern, 60 to Goldsboro', 48 to Raleigh. The possession of these points, by advancing an adequate force 144 miles from navigable waters under control of the Federal forces, would cut off the connection of the South, whether for supplies, reinforcements, or retreat. Those who are familiar with Revolutionary history, will be struck at once with the parallel between the rebel position thus developed and the position of Cornwallis after he invaded Virginia, when he found himself beset by Washington and Lafayette in front, and Greene in his rear, with the French fleet in possession of the Chesapeake. The reproduction of corresponding results must be the work of time, means, energy, and military skill. The first step has been taken in the capture of Hatteras Inlet. The second is the secret naval expedition.

Such was the position of affairs at the latest advice from the East, and if the supposition advanced by us is the correct one, viz: that a Federal army is to be thrown into North Carolina, the position of affairs assumes an entirely new character. Beaufort, with its references has been made, commands North and South Carolina. That place once taken possession of, not only will it be easy to open communication with and encourage the Union men in North Carolina and all the loyal region of Tennessee and Alabama, but by the possession of the railway junction at Goldsboro', Charleston will be cut off from its direct communication by rail with Richmond. Such an entering wedge between the Northern and Southern States of the confederacy of traitors, if it does not induce Mr. Jeff. Davis to forego the present his pleasant anticipations of a march to Massachusetts, and turn the faces of his soldiers backward, will at least suggest to the governors of the Southeastern States the expediency of recalling their quota of troops for home defense.

The Rebels in Virginia will thus be exposed to attack in front from the Maryland line, on the flank from Fortress Monroe and other seaports, on the West by the army in Western Virginia, and in the rear from North Carolina, while all chance of retreat or communication for supplies, ammunition or reinforcements from the South, will be cut off. What the effect of these strategic movements will be can readily be imagined—the rebels in Virginia will be thrown in confusion and become disorganized, removing at once and over all fear of Washington being captured or even attacked by them, in fact, exposing them to the only alternative of surrender, should the forces surrounding them be sufficiently strong.

It will thus be seen that the recent critical aspect of affairs in and around Washington may be entirely changed by the next news received, and the rebellion cause be placed in a position which will give some hope that the ring leaders, who have so long deluded the masses, may be taken and made public examples of for the benefit of future generations.

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